IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

SUO MOTU CONTEMPT PETITION NO.408 OF 1997
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.1320 OF 1997

Bangal Charudatta Balkrishna ..Petitioner

V/s.

Patangrao S. Kadam & ors ..Respondents

CORAM : A.S.OKA, J.

DATE : 10TH APRIL,2007

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1. I have perused the order dated 22nd June, 1998 passed by the Division Bench of this Court. The Division Bench has disapproved the practice adopted by litigants who are represented by an advocate of writing letters to Hon'ble the Chief Justice complaining about alleged commission of contempt. The Division Bench has observed that mere writing of a letter may not be sufficient compliance. The statutory rules cannot be given a total go-by only because the persons who are otherwise represented by an advocate in the main petition write a letter to the Registry for initiating proceedings for contempt of Court. The

Division Bench, therefore, directed the Registry to do the needful. In view of the said directions issued by the Division Bench, the Registry issued a letter to the petitioner calling upon him to make compliance. The letter was sent at the address mentioned by the petitioner himself in his letter dated 14th November, 1997 addressed to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice. The letter is received back with the postal remark “left”. As compliance has not been made with the order passed by the Division Bench on 22nd June, 1998, at this stage, cognizance cannot be taken on the basis of a letter dated 14th November, 1997. Hence, Suo Motu Contempt Petition is disposed of. Disposal of the Contempt Petition will not prevent to the petitioner from adopting appropriate remedy for enforcing the order.

(**A.S.OKA, J.**)